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Examiner:

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For : OPTICAL SYSTEM FOR OPTICAL DISC DRIVE HANDLING
DIFFERENT TYPES OF OPTICAL DISCS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,978,140 to MARUYAMA, issued on November 2, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,118,594 to MARUYAMA, issued on September 12, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,480,344 to MARUYAMA, issued on November 12, 2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,515,955 to TAKEUCHI, issued on February 4, 2003; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-249273, published on September 14, 2001, together with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,594,222 to MARUYAMA, issued on July 15, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/298,611 to TAKEUCHI et al., entitled "Objective Lens for Optical Pick-Up", filed on November 19, 2002.

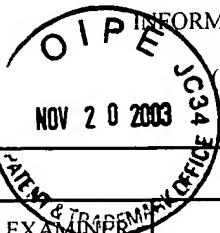
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-mentioned application is attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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